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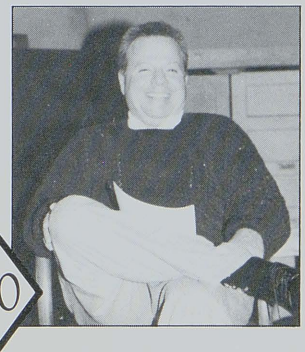

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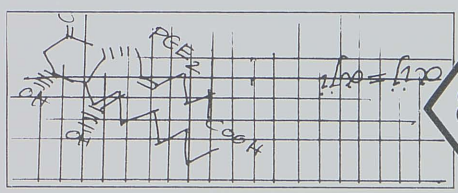

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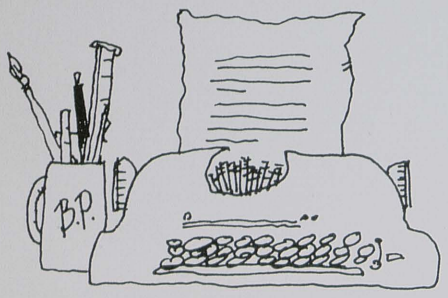

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The face of Tyler Junior College is changing as the White Administrative Services Center erupts from the spot where the Teepee stood for over 40 years. The groundbreaking took place last summer with the completion and official opening scheduled for the spring of 1993. Major donors toward the building, Dorothy Fay and Jack White of Tyler, tell about their "joy of giving" (see page 6).

Carrying on an *Apache* tradition, a series of interviews on a topical subject with the Tyler Junior College president continues. In this series, President Raymond M. Hawkins returns to the charged issue of the possible downward expansion of the University of Texas at Tyler and its consequences to Tyler Junior College and the other public junior colleges in the region that the University serves (see page 3).

Not a new face on campus, but a new title goes to J.D. Menasco, instructor of health and kinesiology, who took on an additional job last fall as coach of TJC's new golf team (see page 16).

Each year the director of casting for television motion pictures and mini-series for ABC, Nick Wilkinson, returns to his alma mater and conducts a two-day workshop for aspiring actors in TJC's theatre program (see page 10).

"Back Page" continues as a regular feature written by Pat Logan, retired TJC journalism/English instructor and director of public information. The second part of her series is about how the English language is a changin' and it ain't what it should be (see page 28).

Also in this issue, new TJC Alumni Association officers are profiled, the TJC Foundation announces new presidential scholarships and new officers of the Board and a review of the winning Apache football season is given.

Have you noticed the *Apache* got a facelift? Designer Rick Diamond, a TJC English instructor, brings to the magazine a bold new look. Let us know how you like it.

Jog Your Memory

Contest winners in the third and last of this series on TJC history are Thomas Clyde and Nina Woldert of Tyler. Each received a $25 check from the TJC Alumni Association. Carolyn Ann Huey and Sandra L. Smith of Tyler had all the right answers, but receipt of their letters arrived after the winners.

Answers to the quiz published in the summer 1991 issue of the *Apache* are:

1. Stately white columns mark the entrance to (c) Jenkins Hall, the oldest building on campus.
2. The (c) men's tennis team captured a national title in May 1990.
3. The College moved to its current tract of land on Fifth Street in (c) 1946.
4. Wagstaff Gymnasium was named to honor TJC's living legend, Coach Floyd Wagstaff, in (b) 1970.
5. The College was located in (a) downtown Tyler before moving to its current location.
6. (a) Dr. E.M. Potter is a former TJC student, instructor, dean and vice president. He currently serves on the College's Board of Trustees.
7. The 1927 TJC football team mascot was (b) the Buccaneers.
8. On the first day of classes at Tyler Junior College, (a) 93 students were in attendance.
9. The first campus newspaper, published in 1927, was named (c) *The Pow Wow.*
10. The "Teepee" (old student center) was a cafeteria brought to campus from Camp Fannin, according to Dr. E.M. Potter, TJC Trustee. Because none of the choices on this question were correct, the question was not counted in the quiz. The *Apache* regrets the error.

B.P.

The President's Perspective

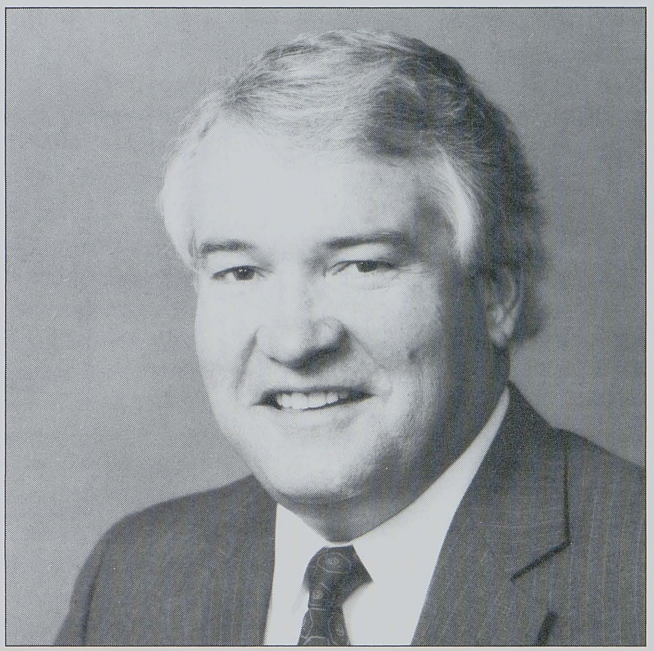
The possible downward expansion of the University of Texas at Tyler and its consequences to Tyler Junior College and the other public community and junior colleges in the region that the University serves is a hot topic both in the media and the community at large.

In view of this continuing discussion, ***TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins,*** *in a three-part series of interviews, speaks candidly about alternatives he believes should be considered rather than UT Tyler's rushing pell-mell into an obvious duplication of programs and services and at considerable expense both locally and at the state level.*

Part one of the series *focuses on the preferred alternative of putting together a regional coalition of business and community leadership to strengthen and expand programming at UT Tyler at the upper-division and graduate level, thereby fulfilling its assigned role and mission as an upper-level university.*

In part two, *President Hawkins explores a second option which emphasizes finding some creative way to consolidate the resources of Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler that would serve the expectations of the constituencies of both institutions.*

In part three of the series, *President Hawkins reveals a provocative alternative which suggests that if Tyler* ***must*** *have a traditional four-year institution, then perhaps the more prudent choice would be for TJC to expand upward and become a four-year school given its 65-year history of academic excellence and superior physical plant.*



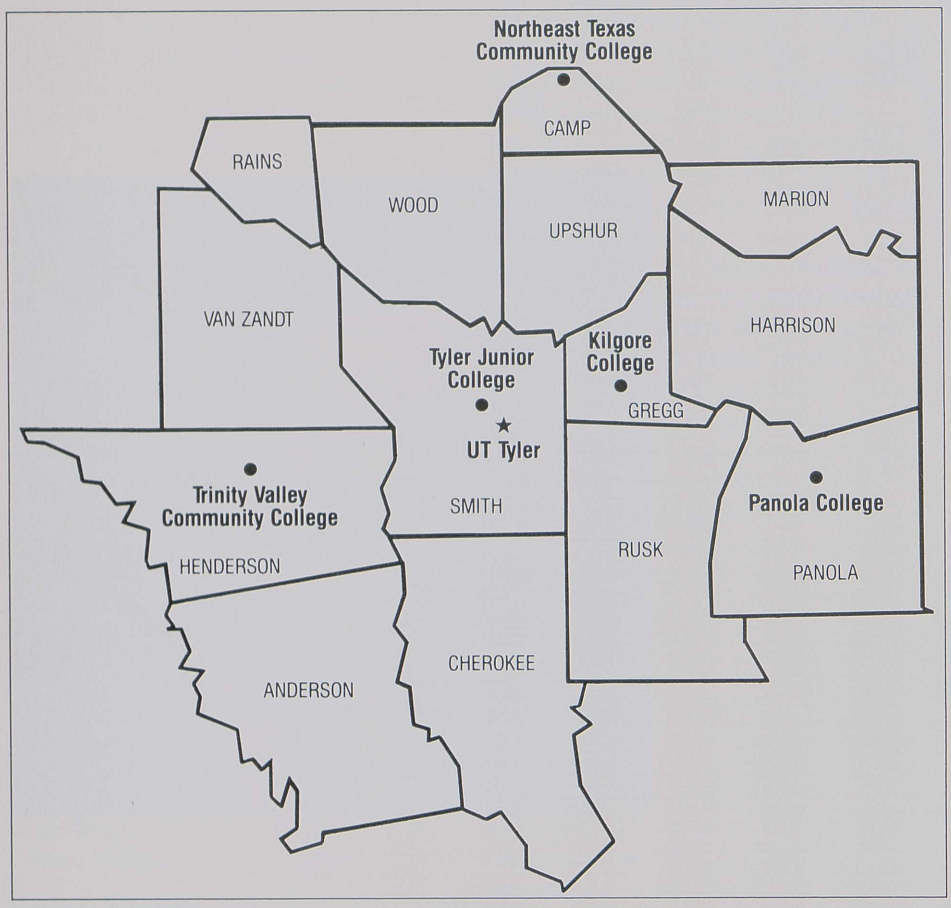
Apache: *The issue of possible downward expansion of UT Tyler has the potential of polarizing our community and region. As a way to put the subject in sharper focus, please give a brief overview of why upper-level institutions were created and tell what state leaders envisioned their role and mission to be.*

Hawkins: In the early 1970's, the Texas Legislature and the Higher Education Coordinating Board established 10 upper-level institutions to offer junior, senior and graduate level programs in geographic areas of the state that had a significant population and were close to a good source of junior college graduates and others who had completed at least two years of college work. The role and mission of these upper-level institutions was to supplement, complement and extend educational opportunities at the junior, senior and graduate level, *not* compete with the junior colleges. In fact, they were to rely upon the junior colleges as feeder institutions.

Apache: *What do you think is the real educational need in the central East Texas region served by UT Tyler?*

Hawkins: The real need is for expanded educational opportunities at the upper-division and graduate level. We have ample opportunities for post-secondary education and training at the lower division through the existing public community and junior colleges in the region. The colleges I'm talking

about are Kilgore College, Northeast Texas Community College, Panola College, Trinity Valley Community College and Tyler Junior College.



Apache: *Will you give some examples of opportunities available through existing public community and junior colleges in the East Texas region that could logically be expanded to UT Tyler in order to meet this educational need?*

Hawkins: A prime example is an engineering program. TJC and Kilgore College have outstanding pre-engineering programs. Together, we enroll 100-150 pre-engineering majors each year, but these students have to leave the East Texas area to complete their baccalaureate degree because the opportunity is not available at UT Tyler.

Apache: *Because an engineering program is so costly, what chance would UT Tyler have of getting one?*

Hawkins: The Coordinating Board probably wouldn't look favorably on approving such a program—they didn't recommend one in San Antonio or in Dallas. However, those communities formed coalitions of business and community leaders and took the issue away from the Coordinating Board. They went to Austin and demanded that engineering programs be authorized by the Board to serve people in those regions.

Apache: *Then being a four-year institution is not a prerequisite to having an engineering program, right?*

Hawkins: Right. UT Dallas had an engineering program long before it sought and gained four-year status. We could have an outstanding engineering program in Tyler, Texas—a closely articulated program between the junior colleges which have strong pre-engineering programs and a bachelor's degree and even hopefully, a master's degree program at UT Tyler.

Apache: *You've named one example of existing opportunities available through junior colleges in the region that could logically be expanded to UT Tyler. Are there other examples?*

Hawkins: Another would be the performing arts. Again, TJC and Kilgore have very strong performing arts programs. We send students regularly from our theatre, speech, forensic and music programs to major universities around the country.

Apache: *Do you think UT Tyler is interested in upgrading its performing arts program?*

Hawkins: Yes, I believe UT Tyler President George Hamm has a commitment to building one. But, as you know, the quality of a performing arts program has a lot to do with the instructional facility. As I understand it, the Cultural Arts Center that's proposed at UT Tyler would certainly facilitate the growth and development of a strong performing arts program. I believe if UT Tyler had that strong program, many of our students wouldn't go off to universities outside this region—they would stay right here in Tyler.

Apache: *Any other program areas you could use as examples?*

Hawkins: Another area is the health sciences, including nursing and the various medical technologies. Tyler is the medical center of East Texas, and I think we ought to have programs available at the bachelor's and master's

levels that would complement the many associate degree programs in the area junior colleges.

Apache: *Don't we have some of these already?*

Hawkins: Yes. For instance, we literally have a "career ladder" in nursing. A person can start as a nurse's aide and go right on through the master's level in nursing without ever leaving Tyler. It's an excellent working example.

Apache: *You mentioned earlier in this interview that coalitions of business and community leaders in San Antonio and Dallas were able to force the Coordinating Board to change its mind about authorizing programs to serve their respective constituencies. Has a coalition such as these been put together in this region?*

Hawkins: No, and regrettably it's not even in the talking stage. This would require the leadership at UT Tyler and the leadership of the UT System to accept the existing role and mission of the institution and exhibit a willingness on their part to enter into a coalitional arrangement with other leaders in the region to try and build additional educational opportunities at the upper-division and graduate level.

Apache: *When you say graduate level, are you just referring to master's programs, or do you include doctoral programs?*

Hawkins: I'm including doctoral programs because I think a great need exists for at least one—a doctoral program in education. We have in central East Texas three very large public school systems—Tyler, Longview and Marshall—as well as the five community and junior colleges previously mentioned. A lot of teachers and administrators in these and other independent school districts and colleges need training beyond the master's level. It makes sense to me that we could have a strong doctoral program in education at UT Tyler so that these teachers and administrators would not have to travel to Texas A&M, UT Austin or even East Texas State University. A doctoral program in business is also worthy of consideration.

Apache: *Since a coalition does not now exist in this area, how is one put together? Who decides on who will be part of the coalition and who would take the leadership role?*

Hawkins: This is not a formal thing—it's purely informal, and UT Tyler would take the leadership. The University would say to the business and community leaders in the region, "We need your help. You helped get this institution established 20 years ago and we've grown but we're limited, not so much in growth opportunities but in our ability to serve the region because we can't get the programs we need shaken loose from the Coordinating Board." I believe if higher education is in fact one of the engines that drives economic development in the region, then just as we've coalesced around economic issues, let's coalesce around higher education issues.

Apache: *What you're talking about is a political coalition that could help UT Tyler state its case, make its case, and support its case before the Coordinating Board in Austin. Is that a fair statement?*

Hawkins: Yes, and it would also mean the members of the coalition would be physically present whenever the proposals are made to the Coordinating Board.

Apache: *And the proposals could be whatever is needed to move UT Tyler toward more program opportunities at the upper-division and graduate level rather than duplicating the community and junior colleges' role and mission? In other words, making "the thing" work?*

Hawkins: Yes, and there's no reason in the world why it couldn't work. In my opinion, UT Tyler could become the premier upper-level institution in the country given two things: (1) the tremendous resources and reputation which the UT System has going for it; and, (2) the literal seedbed of junior colleges in this region that have individually and collectively earned the strongest reputation for traditional liberal arts programs of any junior colleges in the country. As the table below shows, there are ample enrollments of academic majors in the area community and junior colleges to support expanded upper-level programming at UT Tyler. ♦

Enrollment Fall 1991

Institution	Total Enrolled	Total Academic Majors
Tyler Junior College	8,424	4,893
Trinity Valley Community College	4,735	2,378
Kilgore College	4,371	2,623
Northeast Texas Community College	1,825	1,095
Panola College	1,582	1,380
	20,937	**12,369**

The Jack and Dorothy Fay White Legacy

BY SHELLY ROARK

Although Jack and Dorothy Fay White would say that they have no sons or daughters of their own, the couple has, in fact, acquired hundreds of children over the past eight years.

And like good parents, the Whites take care of the educational needs of their "children."

As benefactors to Tyler Junior College, Mr. and Mrs. White play an important role in molding a better future for hundreds of students each year through college endowments and contributions.

"We're interested in youth, I suppose, because we don't have children of our own, and we feel educational opportunities are important," Jack said.

Since 1983, the Whites have established or sponsored matching funds toward nine presidential scholarships, a minimum endowment of $25,000 each. These $2,000 per year scholarships pay tuition and fees at TJC for students demonstrating academic excellence and leadership abilities.

The couple's most recent gift is a contribution of funds to help with the construction of a new administrative services center that will bear their name.

The Jack and Dorothy Fay White Administrative Services Center will be located on the site of the old Apache Teepee, the former hub of student activity. The three-story building will house offices of admissions, the registrar, student financial aid and scholarship, financial services, personnel, development and college relations, and executive offices. The facility is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1993.

Jack is also the trustee of the Brady P. Gentry Trust which endows gifts and scholarships to TJC Apache Belles and Apache Band members, as well as for the athletic programs.

Jack said his uncle's (Gentry) generosity had a big influence on his personal views about giving.

"I grew up in a giving environment," he said. "Brady was always helping young people go to school. We both grew up in churches, and sharing became a part of our life."

Dorothy Fay said, "We thought that we should be doing some good in some way. And if a student wants to go to college, he or she should have that opportunity. Education is the one thing no one can take from you."

The couple's passion for education began with their years in college.

Mrs. White started her college career as an Apache when classes were held

Like good parents, the Whites take care the educational needs of their "children."

at Tyler High School, now the site of Caldwell Playschool. Jenkins Hall had not yet been built. The Phi Theta Kappa member was active in the campus drama organization and the Tok-a-ton Sorority.

Following her studies at TJC, Mrs. White transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, where she graduated with a degree in English and math in 1945.

"It is a time like no other in your life," she said, recalling her college days.

While Dorothy Fay was enjoying college life, her future husband was fighting for America in World War II. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin in 1939 with a degree in history, the war took Jack to a different learning ground.

As a gunner and assistant operations officer, his Air Force missions included interior bombings over China. He also helped intercept ships.

"Luckily I didn't see any combat," Jack said.

In 1945, he left the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel and traveled to Tyler where his family had settled after his father, a Methodist minister, retired.

Dorothy had also just returned to Tyler after graduation. And although the two worked for competing oil companies, fate and a mutual friend brought them together.

"We both grew up in churches, and sharing became a part of our life."

"We started dating and were married in a few months," Jack said.

When asked about the attraction that started their more than 35-year romance, Jack said jokingly, "She could cook."

The couple said a big part of their life has been spent in community and church involvement as members of Marvin United Methodist Church.

Jack has served on the administrative board and finance commission at Marvin and is president of the Sunday school. He also served on the Methodist Texas Conference Board of Education and Perkins Lay Advisory Board.

Dorothy Fay, raised a Presbyterian, is a member of the commission on worship and pastor relations and participates in United Methodist Women.

"We hope the students have a belief in God and are active in a church," she said. "God and church have always been the center of our lives, before and after we met."

In addition to their commitment to the church and education, Dorothy Fay and Jack have a passion for traveling.

Although the couple has traveled to Europe, Russia, Canada and Australia, a recent trip to Nice, France, stands out in their minds.

Why?

"You haven't traveled until you have traveled with 150 young people," Dorothy Fay said. "It was an experience like no other."

Last year, the Whites accompanied the Apache Belles and Band and Harmony and Understanding on a goodwill trip to France.

Jack described the trip as "Fun, fun, fun all the way.

"We have had dinner and been at banquets with college students, but this was the first time we have been with them for that long of a period," he said. "They were great. Full of high spirits."

Dorothy Fay said the performances of the students in France were equal to the Follies of Paris.

"Students are the greatest ambassadors you can send," Jack said. "The junior college students were marvelous in dealing with the French people. Caring goes a long way."

The couple recalled one memorable visit to a village where all the children decorated themselves like Indians to welcome the students.

"They had on feathers, and their faces were painted," Dorothy Fay said. "The students were hugging the children and giving them presents."

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the Jack and Dorothy Fay White Administrative Services Center took place early last August. Participants shown are, from left, Earl C. Andrews, president of the TJC Board of Trustees, Dorothy Fay White and TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins. Jack White was unable to attend due to knee surgery.

While on the trip, the Whites said they were impressed with a song in many of the performances, "Love in Any Language."

The song appropriately describes a message sent from the couple in each gift and donation.

In their own words, the Whites described the reasons behind their giving:

God has indeed blessed us, and we have found it extremely satisfying to share what we have. Perhaps, too, we leave a legacy to mankind through these young people—citizens of an ever-increasing alliance of neighboring nations—who can prove that "Love in Any Language" makes the difference in our being able to live in peace and brotherhood. ♦

Shelly (Hulsey) Roark, a 1989 TJC graduate, is a staff writer for the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

ENGINEERING:

CORNERSTONE

The Pre-Professional Engineering Program at Tyler Junior College

Engineers are the cornerstone of our economic growth and prosperity. Because of today's engineers, Americans have easily accessible and affordable energy, water, housing, food, communications, transportation, recreation, entertainment, waste disposal and health care.

The demand for engineers exceeds the present supply, and that shortage is expected to extend into the foreseeable future. The following engineering specialties are those in short supply:

Aerospace	Industrial
Agricultural	Mechanical
Bioengineering	Nuclear
Chemical	Ocean
Civil	Petroleum
Electrical	Radiologic Health

Mathematics and science serve as the foundation for engineering achievement. Additionally, successful practice of engineering demands, as a prerequisite, the ability to communicate facts and ideas. An engineer must comprehend and present ideas with precision and clarity.

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Overview of the Tyler Junior College Pre-Engineering Program

Tyler Junior College enjoys a good relationship with the engineering schools within the state. In a recent issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University were ranked 8th and 15th respectively, in their engineering programs. The majority of the engineering students leaving TJC transfer to these two schools to complete their education.

TJC provides an engineering curriculum that follows the recommended outline set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Students who are eligible to be admitted to the prescribed mathematics/science curriculum may complete the pre-engineering curriculum in two years.

A preview of the TJC engineering program provides an opportunity to view how the transfer curriculum recommended by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board phases into the four-year sequence. These vary among the engineering schools as well as varying within the engineering programs.

TJC faculty, who are engaged in the preparing of these students, have master's degrees in either chemistry, mathematics or physics. Three of the faculty members hold doctorates.

Freshmen entering TJC, or any college, will on the average change their major at least three times. In the spring of 1990, 83 students declared pre-engineering majors. In the spring of 1991, 104 students declared pre-engineering majors. Of this number, some changed their major and others transferred to a senior institution after two or three semesters at TJC. However, 19 completed two full years before transferring to a senior engineering school.

A network exists between TJC, UT Austin and Texas A&M. Faculty from TJC travel to these respective campuses for transfer conferences with the schools of engineering. Engineering faculty from the two universities visit TJC to identify and recruit pre-engineering students. The transfer process provides an opportunity for these students to apply to schools of engineering upon completion of this curriculum.

Professional engineering organizations are vital resources for students. TJC has an engineering club sponsored by the local chapter of a national engineering society known as American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc. Also, TJC career day activities provide students from area high schools opportunities to visit with and hear professional engineers. Howe-Baker Engineers provides a substantial scholarship and work experience for engineering students.

Requirements for all Engineering Degrees

Courses	UT Austin	A&M	TJC
Government	6	6	GOV 213 & 223
History	6	6	HIST 213 & 223
Chemistry I	4		CHEM 114
Chemistry II		4	CHEM 124
English	6	6	ENG 113, 123 & 213
Fine Arts or Humanities	3	3	Take at the University
Mathematics	12	12	MTH 213A, 213B 223C, 223D & 223
Social Science	3	3	Take at the University
Physics	8	8	PHY 124A, 214A & 224A
Engineering			
Introduction	2-3	3	EGR 111 & 121
Statics/Dynamics	3-6	3-6	EGR 213 & 223A
Design Graphics	3	3	EGR 113
Computer Language			MTH 123D

Summary

Tyler Junior College has for many years provided a sound pre-engineering program consisting of mathematics, physics, engineering and general education courses which transfer to all of the engineering schools in the state. With continued community support and a dedicated staff, the program will continue preparing students for engineering in an everchanging world. ♦

Prepared by: Gerald Wilson, dean of science and mathematics; Gene Branum, instructor/director, physical science and engineering; and James Wicks, instructor/director, chemistry.

So You Want to Be a STAR?

BY BETTY NELSON

For the dozen Tyler Junior College speech and theatre students who gathered on a December day in Jean Browne Theatre, with visions of stardom dancing through their heads, the man in the sweater seated in a wooden chair center stage had the answers to that question.

Former TJC student Nick Wilkinson of Los Angeles, director of casting for motion pictures for television and mini-series for ABC, was on campus to lead the two-day workshop for aspiring actors, letting them in on the do's and don'ts of life in Tinseltown.

From the proper kind of "head shot" to advice about professional training programs, Wilkinson is a man with a mission. That mission, he said during a preworkshop chat, is to keep young aspiring actors from being taken advantage of once they hit New York, Chicago, L.A. or any town where they go to seek fame and fortune.

"My 48 hours here is time very well spent if what I say falls on willing ears . . . If I can keep one person from falling into a trap. From a moral point of view, I can't stand to see anyone taken advantage of . . . Unfortunately, there are charlatans out there who prey on young actors' passion for success, those who want success quickly," says Wilkinson, who graduated from TJC in 1974.

But success comes from hard work, commitment and determination, Wilkinson says. He feels that if he finds one person during his visit to TJC that has the commitment and the drive to succeed in acting and who is then guided correctly over the perils and pitfalls, he feels he will have done his good deed.

"Hollywood has really gotten a bad rap for all the overhyped glitter and salacious behavior you read about. But there really are a number of people in Hollywood who really believe in what they do," he said.

And Wilkinson is one of those people. His motivation for leading the annual workshop goes beyond what he says on stage—that is, by scouting the young talent he can be a step ahead of the competition.

He comes back to Tyler Junior College every year because "TJC turned things around for me," he says. "I think that I always had a sense of the theatrical, but I came here not really knowing what I wanted to do."

Actually enrolling as a premed major, Wilkinson, a native of Center, Texas said he "blundered" into a speech class and was hit like a ton of bricks.

Still with a "Dr. Wilkinson" mindset, he entered into the theatre program even though, he admits, he grew up thinking "actors were an odd lot. Anyone in show business was suspect."

But after coming in contact with

instructors, such as Jacque Shackelford, Clarence Strickland and Jean Browne, "I was hooked from day one," he said.

"Those instructors instilled in me a passion for what I wanted to do because they had a passion for what they did. For the first time, I saw people who were willing to give of themselves so that they could share with others what they loved to do. They challenged me to do my best. For that I will always, always, always be grateful."

In his capacity as director of casting, a position he has held for four years, Wilkinson oversees the casting of all movies for television and mini-series for ABC. He has been closely involved with such recent projects as the popular mini-series, *It*, *An Inconvenient Woman* and *False Arrest* as well as *Our Sons* and *Burden of Proof*. He is currently working on a movie about Michael Jackson and the Jackson family.

Prior to joining ABC, Wilkinson was director of casting for Chicago's Goodman Theatre. He also served as director of casting for the New York-based Theatre Communications Group, which provided New York casting for regional theatres such as Houston's Alley Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, A Contemporary Theatre in Seattle and American Repertory Theatre of Cambridge, MA. ♦

Nick Wilkinson, a 1974 graduate of Tyler Junior College who is now director of casting for ABC in Los Angeles, returns to the stage every year when he visits TJC to impart to students stage advice on how to "compete competitively."

There is definitely more to landing a role on the stage or in a TV movie than ACTING, as "Saturday Night Live's" Master Thespian would shout.

According to Wilkinson, the most powerful tool to use to get your foot in the casting director's office is the "head shot," a black and white head and shoulders photograph that accentuates the positive and captures "your essence."

"The head shot may be the only contact you have with a casting director. Therefore, it must be good. The photo must be terrific, and it must be professional," Wilkinson said.

Don't be fooled by gimmicks, like hands on your face or sunglasses, he urged the students.

"Many photographers try to sell you a picture that is shot in lighting that is not flattering to you. Or, they try to sell you on composite photography which is basically an albatross . . . You must be careful with what you submit because it can get in the way," Wilkinson said.

Beware also, he said, of any photographer who wants you to pose in a provocative way.

"You don't have to bombard the casting person with titillation," Wilkinson said.

To illustrate his point, Wilkinson held up several bad examples of head shots and resumes, ones he keeps, he said, in his "tatooed lady file."

Other tips proffered:

• It never hurts to toot your own horn as long as it is legitimate. "In the land of hype, sometimes it is the only way."

• Come to New York or Hollywood when you are really ready to compete. Prepare correctly. And Wilkinson encouraged the TJC students to not only continue on in other professional training programs, but to focus also on acquiring another marketable skill. "Acquire a skill that you can rely on when times are tough while you are seeking acting work. Have a skill that you can use to make rent money and that will provide you dignity of lifestyle. Let's face it, waiting tables is fine, but remember, there are 150,000 others ahead of you for the same job."

• Do your homework. "There are directories available that list all the casting directors. Target who you want to contact. Some directors only cast children, others only work with older adults. Instead of just blanketing the scene, get specific about your needs and the director's needs."

• A good head shot plus a good resume speaks volumes. Send your resume through the mail, Wilkinson suggests. Stopping by his office or any other casting director's office is intrusive.

• Make the cover letter short and sweet. But, Wilkinson said, make sure you have a cover letter. "A head shot with no letter goes in the trash."

• Dress in the fashion that suits your style within reason. The interview, should you be called in for one, is not about clothing, Wilkinson said. However, the clothing should not be a distraction.

• Be flexible. ♦

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TJC Alumni Association presents its Leaders:

President Ric Freeman
Treasurer John Stephenson
and Secretary Kay Latta are profiled.

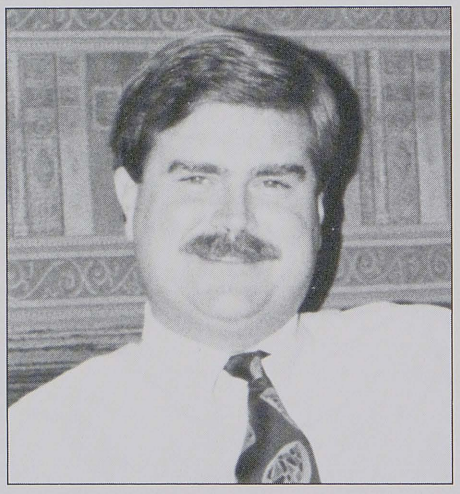
by Jeremy Coe

Ric Freeman
President

John E. "Ric" Freeman despondently slung a backpack over his shoulder and shuffled across the TJC campus on his way to class. He always wanted to attend an Ivy League university, but now he felt he was stuck in a community college. Until recently, he didn't even know where Tyler, Texas, was. Surely Tyler Junior College couldn't have anything to offer him. Could it?

His father, a U.S. Army colonel, frequently had to move his family from base to base. Ric lived nine of his first 18 years abroad, including three years in Madrid, Spain, and three years in Panama. Once they returned to the U.S., the Freemans spent two years in Arlington, VA, and two years in New Jersey, before they moved to Arkansas at the start of Ric's junior year in high school.

When his father retired the following summer and announced they were moving to East Texas, Ric had other plans. He asked to stay in Arkansas and finish his senior year, and his parents agreed . . . with one condition. He would go to TJC his first two years of college. He agreed and finished high school in Arkansas graduating in the top 5 percent of his class of 500.



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Not believing his parents would hold him to his agreement, he applied to William and Mary College in Virginia and was accepted to Dartmouth College. However, to his surprise, his parents held him to the agreement, and he hesitantly came to TJC.

"I was a little disappointed at first, because I'd always thought about a big school, but TJC turned out to be one of the best experiences I have ever had," Freeman said.

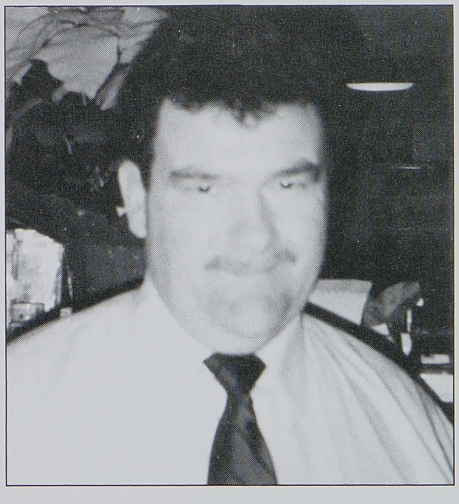
After graduation from TJC, Freeman tried the University of Arkansas for one semester before moving to the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his education at Baylor University with a law degree. Freeman said that law had been his chosen profession since age 7, and he fulfilled his dream when he entered the McFarland Law Firm in Tyler.

Today, he has his own law practice, specializing in business litigation and divorce custody cases. Though he has no other aspirations at the moment, he enjoys teaching and may one day try his hand at that.

"I just enjoy doing something where I feel like I can really help people," he said.

John Stephenson
Treasurer

It was a cold day on Oil Rig Number 22 near Quitman, Texas, in the winter of 1962. That day John Stephenson was down a hole parallel to the well tightening the casing needed to begin the drilling process. Though the temperature was in the teens, he had worked for eight straight hours without warming up,



"I'd never seen anything like it. In high school, my hardest classes were ag and shop."

and his hands, by now, were numb. By the time he finished his shift he knew for sure it was time for a change. He decided to go to college.

This change, however, was more of an obstacle than one would think. He had dropped out of high school at age 16. Also, his high school counselors discouraged anyone from going to college unless they were in the top half of their class. He married at age 19. Now, at 22, he was about to take a large step in his life.

His father-in-law, a pharmacist, encouraged him to try pharmacy at Tyler Junior College. However, he first had to get a high school diploma which meant he had to take a high school equivalency test. He scored 69.5 percent, just short of the 70 percent needed to pass. Nonetheless, Edwin Fowler, a TJC counselor and band director, put him on scholastic probation and gave him a trial semester.

Although his test results showed strength in math and science, he did poorly in English and was forced to take English classes five days a week. Also, some of the advanced sciences posed a problem for him at first.

"The problem was I'd never seen anything like it. In high school, my hardest classes were ag and shop," Stephenson said.

When he began having trouble in physics, Stephenson decided he needed a tutor. But when he realized how much they charged he learned how to study by himself. In James Wicks' chemistry class, he was again snared by a difficult new subject and made a D

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in the course. He repeated it the next semester. Stephenson remembers Wicks spending hours outside of class helping him understand complex formulas and diagrams.

After graduating from TJC in one and a half years, he entered the University of Houston where he earned a B.S. degree in pharmacy. At UH he was a member of Phi Delta Chi, a pharmacy honor fraternity.

After college, he returned to Tyler to work at his father-in-law's pharmacy. When his father-in-law died in 1980, Stephenson bought the business.

When asked what impact TJC had on his life Stephenson said, "TJC gave me a tremendous foundation. My courses at TJC were so thorough that I completed one advanced chemistry course with over a 100 average and wasn't required to take the final exam."

Kay Latta
Secretary

Kay Latta thought all of her decisions were made for her while she was growing up.

Because her father was an engineer employed at the Tyler LaGloria Plant, she was given a strong industrial background. Her skill and love for math therefore pointed her to the field of engineering.

It seemed that she also knew where she would attend college.

"My father taught night school at TJC," said Latta. "He taught industrial psychology and sociology because he was in management. So I always knew I was going to TJC."

However, goals are sometimes hard to fulfill. And through the casual recommendation of a friend, she shuffles financial printouts rather than geological surveys at work each day.

As a student at John Tyler High School, Latta found time for extracurricular activities as well as her studies. While a majorette in the band, she graduated third in her class.

When she first entered TJC, she hoped to follow in the footsteps of her father by earning a degree in petroleum engineering. "TJC has an excellent pre-engineering program," she said. "Some of my hardest college courses were in that program."

She also decided to get a part-time job, and the accountant of a family friend was looking for a clerk. After interviewing for the position, she was hired. "I went to work for Mack Malone as sort of my first real job," she said. "He taught me a lot, and I liked accounting so much that I changed majors."

Again, she balanced her time between work and other activities. She was elected president of Phi Theta Kappa, the national junior college honor fraternity, and was a member of the Apache Belles.

Latta said that excellent instructors at TJC, such as Carolyn Propes, prepared her for the University of Texas at Austin.

"I encourage young people all the time to get their foundation at TJC," said Latta. "I went to UT Austin, and they treat every class down there like it's your major!

"It is such a transition from high school to college anyway. Junior colleges are great to bridge that gap between high school and the second level institutions, because that's when you should be able to decide your major!" she said.

She received her B.B.A. in accounting in 1983. While studying for the exam to be certified as a CPA, Latta returned to Tyler and went to work for the accounting firm of Henry and Peters. Two years later, she was certified. And after eight years, Latta is still employed with Henry and Peters.

"You have to be kind of half-crazy to get into public accounting," she said. "Some people tend to believe it's just number crunching, but you have to deal a lot with people, too. However, I've always been the sort of person who enjoys meeting and working with people." ♦

"I always knew I was going to TJC."

a surprising "evolution"

BY MARGARET G. OTT

I teach anatomy and physiology primarily for allied health majors at a junior college in Texas, where the downturn in the oil industry has driven many adults back to school. My course, which has no prerequisites, is often one of the first and most rigorous taken by students whose personal lives compound their problems. Consequently, I have to combat a negative image for the course and work hard at making my students feel "at home."

I had a lot of choices for this essay: single parents; parents of young children, of teenagers, of critically ill children; veterans with health problems; students from disturbed homes. The crises that my students recount are often heartbreaking and sometimes chilling, but I wanted to tell a success story, about a student with a good mind, whose intellectual skills perhaps were sharpened as a result of being in my class. Reaching this type of student usually requires little extra effort.

Tim was reserved, punctual, organized, and never caught unprepared. He frowned a lot. A real stuffed shirt, you might think. His grades were always high; he worried over each wrong answer until he understood why he missed it. When I covered a concept that he didn't understand, he was noticeably unhappy; he would ask question after question, peeling through layers of misunderstanding and misplaced assumptions, until he could seize the kernel which had escaped him. I enjoyed having him in my class, but he seemed aloof.

I have learned in my 10 years of teaching that the joy of this profession is not in the paycheck, it's in the people. When students seem standoffish, I see a challenge. I find getting to know students is easier in lab than in lecture, but the best situation is to have the same students in both lecture and lab. So, I was one up on Tim; he was in my lecture and my lab, in the fall and again in the spring.

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It wasn't until the spring that I could finally get him to acknowledge my jests with a smile. With the spring thaw came personal revelations. I was surprised to discover he was married with two very young children. I was taken aback to find he had a bachelor's degree and was minister of a small church south of town. What really threw me for a loop, though, was finding that he had a keen interest in the evolution/creation debate. Having heard only one side of the story, he came to me for information on evolution. His willingness to explore new ideas has led to an interchange which I find refreshing. I was deeply touched at the confidence he placed in me. Not many of my students look to me for anything beyond the parameters of my course. This one student, who wanted something more, had made me aware of a different facet of teaching. How many students place that same degree of trust in me, but don't communicate that feeling?

Tim has been accepted to our ADN program for next fall, and I look forward to further conversations with him. I hope I will remember to live up to the level of trust he bestowed: to be sure of my facts, to communicate effectively, and to rise to the challenge of seeing my students as people. ♦

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J.D. Takes a Swing with TJC Golf Team

BY TIMOTHY SCOTT

J.D.?

Perhaps James Douglas, or John David, or considering that the man in question is a native Texan, perhaps Joe Don? Could it possibly be Jarvis Darvon? That would, of course, explain why he is called just plain "J.D.".

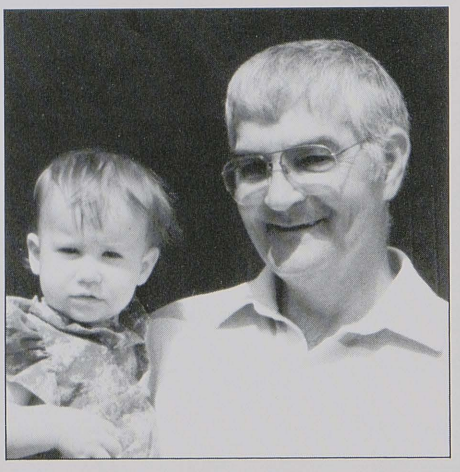
The solution to the puzzle is so obvious, yet no one ever thinks of it. J.D. Menasco lets a knowing smile part his lips as he answers the question for about the 3,742nd time in his life: "J.D." stands for J.D. They are just initials. That's my name."

The name has been the source of more than a little difficulty for the man who has a brother with just the initials "A.B," especially when relating to the present bureaucratic society. In the military service, he was told Uncle Sam would not accept just initials for his soldiers, so he wrote out the name "Jay Dee." When applying for a credit card, he made a point of being quite specific about his name. He wrote J(only). D(ōnly). He got the card, but in the name of Jonly Donly Menasco.

However, for the better part of his life, the man from Nocona, Texas, has been known as "Coach." And since last fall he answers to that moniker once again, as Menasco coaches the Tyler Junior College golf team in their first year of existence.

The Apache golf team will compete in Division II of the National Junior College Athletic Association, which means that the team will not be able to offer full scholarships to individual players. Only tuition and fees will be paid by the College, and that subsidy will be for only six of the 12-member squad. The Apaches had intrasquad competition in the fall and will begin NJCAA play in the spring of 1992.

Eight years have elapsed since the lanky 57-year-old TJC instructor has coached athletics. And when last seen in that capacity, he was the head basketball coach for the TJC Apaches, a position he held from 1981 to 1983. Just prior to coming to TJC, he was the head basketball coach at conference-rival Lon Morris College from 1977 to 1981. He was head basketball and golf coach at Midland College, 1976-1977.



J.D. with his granddaughter Jerri Deanne Thomas from Plano, Texas.

Before that, he had a 20-year career in Texas high school coaching, including a runner-up finish in the state Class AAAA basketball playoffs in 1970. As a head basketball coach on all levels Menasco had a record of 510 wins and just 182 losses.

But, from Menasco's perspective—coaching is coaching, regardless of the size or type of ball and the age of the athletes.

"You don't really coach the sport as much as you coach people," said Menasco. "You just want to get the best out of the individual, whether the game is five-on-five, or 11-on-11, or one-on-one."

"Golf is the most individual of all sports. There are some team aspects when you are playing in a tournament," said Menasco. "But for the most part, it's the player against that ball. As a coach, you really have to work with each player to get the best out of him or her."

Menasco has excelled at that part of his profession throughout his career. He was tabbed as 12-AAAA coach of the year three of the four years he was at Texas City High School, named the 1969-70 basketball coach of the year for the Dallas Metro Area while at R.L. Turner High School and he was selected the 1978 Texas Eastern Conference basketball coach of the year while at Lon Morris College.

Menasco and his wife of 37 years, Shirley, have three children, all living in Texas. Rick is the head basketball coach at Blanket, Patricia is a teacher in Mesquite and Jan is a housewife in Plano.

Even though it has been 14 years since he coached the sport, Menasco gained a notable level of success as the golf coach at Midland College. In 1976, he coached the Midland women's team to a second place finish in the NJCAA nationals. And he keeps in touch with the game on a recreational basis.

"I probably play two or more times a week during the summer. I used to have a lot better game than I do now, but I dislocated my shoulder and my game hasn't been the same since," said Menasco, who has a 13 handicap.

The coach sees a bright future for golf at TJC.

"I think we will have a successful program. There are a lot of good golf courses and good players here in East Texas. And we'll be getting most of our players from East Texas," said Menasco.

If success does come to the TJC golf program, it will come as a surprise to no one. Success seems to follow the man called "J.D." ♦

Timothy Scott '87 is a journalist living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

New Coach Leads Apaches to Victory

BY PHIL HICKS

After spending his entire coaching life as an assistant football coach, Delton Wright began to question whether he would get a chance to run his own team.

The wait was over in 1991 as he took over the Tyler Junior College football program after 13-year veteran Charlie McGinty retired.

And it was worth the wait for Wright!

The Apaches topped off their most successful year since 1986 with a 20-3 victory over Hinds Community College (Mississippi) in the seventh annual Texas Junior College Shrine Bowl December 7 at Tyler's Rose Stadium.

Wright, along with assistant coaches Dale Carr and Bob Schultz, led the Apaches to the Texas Junior College Football Conference (TJCFC) co-championship with Trinity Valley Community College (both teams were 5-0-1 in league play).

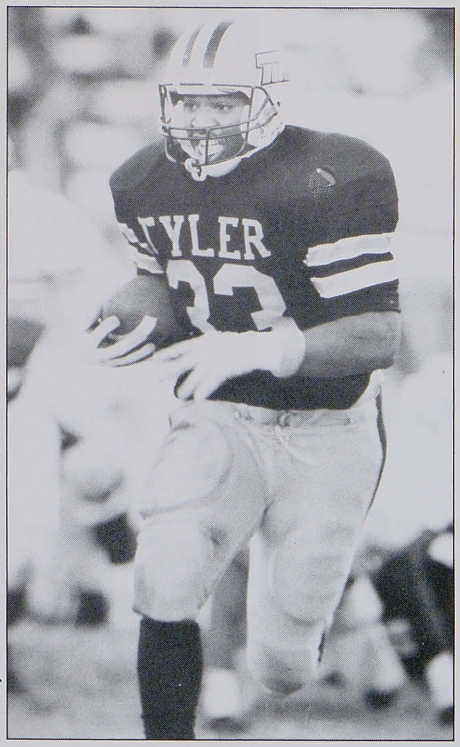


Photo by Paul Buck

Sophomore Chris Comer shows why he was named All-Conference running back.

And the bowl win was icing on the cake. "It was a great way to end a first year," Wright said. "You have to give the old kids credit. They hung in there and never gave up. And my assistant coaches did a great job week-in and week-out."

All season, the offense seized the headlines for the Apaches. In fact, five players—guard Bret Hankins, tackle Shannon Ford, tight end Mike Tidwell, wide receiver Ben Bronson and running back Chris Comer—were tabbed first team all-TJCFC.

And rightfully so as the offense, along with Trinity Valley, was the best in the TJCFC.

But when it came to the Shrine Bowl, the defense put its best foot forward. The unit allowed Hinds' vaunted offense only 101 total yards—including 37 yards rushing.

The Hinds' offense included an All-American running back nominee in Zachary Crockett, a highly recruited player. He was held to 10 yards on nine carries.

Leading the way for the Apache defense was linebacker Sean Guyton, a sophomore from Chicago, who was tabbed Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Also, Keith Graham, a freshman from Stephenville, came up with three sacks.

It was the defense that really made the day. "The old defense just hung in there and got the job done," Wright said, crediting the front line of Jarrett Anderson, Stephen Anderson, Corby Hankins and Jay Gordon. "We have a bunch that bends but doesn't break. There's not an all-conference player on the defense, but they are a good unit that hustles."

Offensively, Comer and Vernon freshman Derrick Richardson carried the load all season for the Apaches' running game, while Tony Taylor and Torrance Garfield controlled the offense at quarterback.

However, on this partly cloudy day in East Texas, freshman running back D.D. Turner of Marshall shone as the star. He rushed for 106 yards on 25 carries and was tabbed Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Lufkin freshman Bart Baldwin supplied two field goals and a couple of PATs, while Comer and Bronson added touchdowns. Another key, as all season, was the foot of punter Chris Dolan. The Jacksonville sophomore carried a near 42 yard average that kept Hinds in poor field position all day.

It was a team victory, Wright said, just as all season had been.

That was the key ingredient for the Apaches—no superstars—just hard-working football players.

Though the group jelled, there was a degree of uncertainty in the beginning.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Wright, whose team compiled a mark of 7-3-1. "I knew we had some talent, but as every coach says, you have to put the right people in the right place. Early on, we played everyone. We wanted to see if the freshmen could play in this conference."

Playing several freshmen in the early going contributed somewhat to the 1-3 start. But it brought dividends in conference.

"We wanted to see if they could stand up in this conference, and most passed," Wright said. "We got a lot of mileage out of these kids."

As for the season, Wright points to the players. "At the start, the players were sizing each other up," Wright said. "They had heard he played in an all-star game or he started for a state championship team. The confidence factor was a big plus. Once the players realized their teammates could play, that helped.

"The work habits of this team were great, but above everything the confidence factor was the key," which spelled B-O-W-L W-I-N in the end. ♦

Phil Hicks, a 1980 graduate of Tyler Junior College, is currently sports editor of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE SOCCER TEAM SHARES THE "SPIRIT" OF SOCCER

BY NANCY EDGAR

On September 18, 1991, Tyler Junior College Soccer Coach, Peter Jones, was in a state of shock. He found out the TJC Apaches were ranked number 5 in the nation by the National Junior College Athletic Association soccer poll. The Apaches, who began soccer as a varsity sport last year, reached number 17 in the poll last season. "I was not expecting this," said Jones. "It was a complete shock. We have a good reputation, but I wasn't sure how high we would be ranked. Last year, we were not even in the top 20 in the final season poll. This is a tremendous boost for morale."

By October, the Tyler Junior College team had attained the number 4 ranking. You would think the Apache soccer players wouldn't have the time nor the inclination to deal with a bunch of young teenagers, but that just isn't true. Last fall, several TJC soccer players started a new tradition. An Under-14 recreational team had lost their coach. The assistant coach desperately needed help. Being resourceful, he turned to Peter Jones. He walked away with one sophomore and three freshmen soccer players as his new coaching staff.

These four young men joined the team late in the fall 1990 season. At the beginning of the spring 1991 season, dramatic changes were made. In order to create a fresh, new image, the team's name and colors were changed. (The colors were changed to the black and gold of the Tyler Junior College Apaches). A letter was sent to all parents and players from the new coaching staff explaining the changes. "We would like to branch this team out to other age groups one day while passing the coaching job on to other Tyler Junior College players in the future. We would benefit from the community support, and the players would benefit from the College coaching they would be receiving."

Now, in the fall of 1991, the tradition continues; K.C., the sophomore, is gone, but others continue in his place. These young men are not just taking from soccer, they are giving something back. Their parents and former coaches should be very proud of their accomplishments. They not only teach soccer skills, but set fine examples for the young players on their team. And it is not unusual to see other TJC soccer players on the sidelines during games. In return, these Under-14 players have become the biggest fans of the TJC soccer program. It is a support system that runs both ways.

The TJC Apaches may be ranked number 4 in the nation, but in Tyler, Texas, they are number 1 in dedication to the sport of soccer. It is certainly refreshing to see these young men take time out from their busy college life to share their talents and knowledge with a new generation of soccer players. K.C., Brad, Brian, Jason, Richard and the entire Tyler Junior College soccer team are a credit to their team, their college and to the "Spirit" of soccer. ♦

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4th Annual Golf Tournament Deemed A Success

The fourth annual TJC Foundation golf tournament attracted a record 33 teams of six players and netted more than $23,000 that will help underwrite the cost of a new golf team and other intercollegiate athletics at the College.

The event, held last September at Willow Brook Country Club, was chaired by Randall L. Roberts. He was assisted by Mike Bosworth, finance chairman; Lonny Uzzell, team sign-up; Lee Loftis, tournament director and course prizes; J.D. Menasco, golf carts and signs; Chris Woldert, registration; Floyd Wagstaff, guest players; Dick Hightower, awards presentation; B.J. Doggett, entertainment; C.C. Baker, Jr., College coordinator; Billie Pye, special arrangements coordinator; Betty Nelson, publicity; Dixie McCormick, marketing; and Raymond Van Cleef and Ken Dance, College liaison.

Finance committee members included Henry Bell, III, Peter Boyd, Gerald Free, George Hall, Gene Meier, Robert Patterson, A.W. Riter, III, Ray Thompson, Royce Wisenbaker, Jr. and Sam Wolf.

Tournament benefactors were: Wisenbaker Production Company, eagle sponsor; Arms Jeffers & Co., Paul Pogue Construction, Inc., and Wilson, Sheehy, Knowles, Robertson & Cornelius, underwriters; Denson Construction Company, East Texas Medical Center, Holiday Inn-Southeast Crossing, Kelly-Springfield, Mother Frances Hospital, Potter, Guinn, Minton, Roberts & Davis, Ramey, Flock, Jeffers, Crawford, Harper & Collins, Roosth and Genecov, Simons-Burch-Clark, Inc., Squyres, Johnson, Squyres & Co., Story-Wright, Inc., Threlkeld & Company Insurance, Travel Banque, and Tyler Beverages, Inc., hole sponsors.

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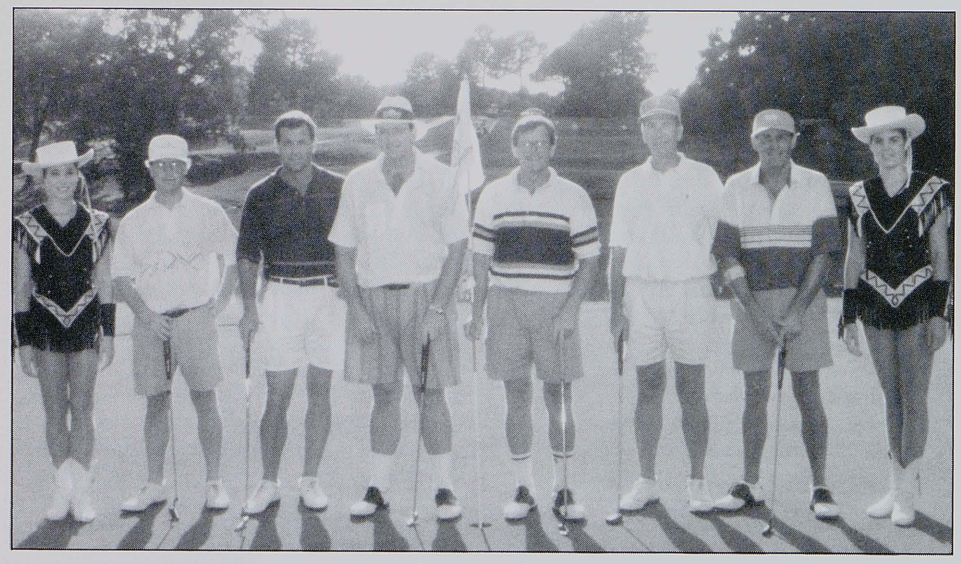
Tournament friends were Joseph's Catering of Tyler, L&L Asphalt Corporation, Shaffer Financial Group-The Guardian, Maddox Air Conditioning, Estes, McClure & Associates, Inc., and The Sports Medicine Clinic.

Providing prizes were George Wholesale Co., Inc., TJC Bookstore/ Follett College Stores, Willow Brook Country Club, Regency Cleaners, Regency Texaco, Inc., TJC Alumni Association, and Barrett Motor Company.

The TJC Apache Band, led by Director Gary Jordan, entertained the golfers during a buffet luncheon. TJC Apache Belles served as hostesses throughout the tournament.



Firing a 16-under par 55 in a scorecard playoff to win first place in the TJC Foundation golf scramble tournament were Lonny Uzzell, Lawson Walden, Robert Marshall, Ron Donaldson, Clint Hough and Huey Keeney.

Art League Presents Gift

The Tyler Art League recently presented Tyler Junior College with a $125 scholarship for a student interested in art, according to a League officer.

Joan Thomas, president of the League, said the group encourages further education in art, community projects and community awareness of fine arts.

The League is composed of 160 artists from Smith and surrounding counties, and meetings are open to the public. The artists meet the third Thursday night of each month in the conference room of Briarcliff Retirement Village.

"The College appreciates the Tyler Art League's support of education in our community and in TJC, specifically. The College offers a complete art curriculum, and the recipient of this scholarship will benefit greatly," said C.C. Baker, Jr., vice president of development and college relations.

New Presidential Scholarships Established

The establishment of the Frances Dillon Birdwell Presidential Scholarship and the Margaret Ann and Harry Loftis Presidential Scholarship was recently announced by Tyler Junior College President Raymond M. Hawkins.

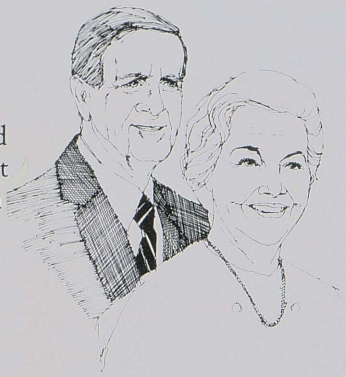
The Birdwell scholarship, established by Dr. J. Weldon Birdwell of Tyler in "loving memory" of his wife Frances, is designated for students in radiology technology or other programs in the health science field.

The Loftis scholarship was established by Robert B. Irwin of Tyler in appreciation of Margaret Ann and Harry's "achievements and contributions, friendship and love for this community and all mankind."

"We are indebted to Dr. Birdwell and Mr. Irwin for their interest and support of the presidential scholarship program at Tyler Junior College," Hawkins said. "I know of no finer way to honor the memory of a loved one or to show gratitude for special friendships than with the establishment of an endowed scholarship."

Presidential scholarships at TJC now number 50 for an endowment of $1,250,000, Hawkins said. The program was established in 1983.

Each presidential scholarship represents a minimum $25,000 gift to the College and provides a $2,000 yearly stipend to an academically talented high school graduate without regard to financial need.



Harry and Margaret Ann Loftis

Frances Birdwell

Apache Club members are special friends who share the philosophy of Tyler Junior College—a philosophy of providing quality education at minimal cost to students varying in interests, aptitudes, talents, needs and goals.

The goals of the Apache Club can be summed up in a single phrase: to enhance the human resources of Tyler Junior College so that its tradition of "opportunity with excellence" in education will endure.

Members make an annual $500 gift to the Tyler Junior College Foundation. The gift may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or in one payment. These unrestricted funds are valuable because they enable the College to support programs and projects not completely funded by state and local revenues.

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Tyler Junior College

Apache Club Membership List

The following people have joined the Tyler Junior College Apache Club through December 1, 1991.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana W. Adams, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Danny R. Allen
Dr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Andrews
Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Arnold
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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Austin
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Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Hartley
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Hawkins
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hawkins
Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Hays
Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Herd

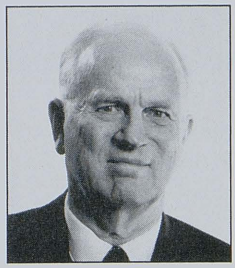
Foundation Elects New Officers

New officers elected at the Tyler Junior College Foundation Board meeting last fall are Robert M. Rogers, chairman; Jack White, vice chairman; and Harold C. Beaird, secretary/ treasurer.

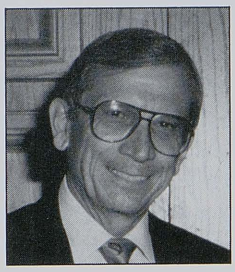
Joining the new officers on the Foundation Executive Committee are William Pirtle and Royce E. Wisenbaker. Other committee chairmen are Vernon E. Faulconer, development, and Curtis W. Mewbourne, finance/asset management.

TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins outlined TJC 2001, a program to meet needs assessment goals for the College. Needs under consideration are additional scholarships, curriculum/ program development, faculty development and capital projects, Hawkins said.

Robert M. Rogers



Jack White



Harold C. Beaird

Foundation Executive Director C.C. Baker, Jr. reported at the luncheon meeting which also included Foundation Development and Planned Giving Advisory council members that more than $5 million has been raised by the Foundation since 1983, with current assets of $3.1 million in total funds and $2.3 million in endowments.

Isadore Roosth was recognized for his "outstanding leadership" as Foundation Chairman for two consecutive years.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hickman
Dr. and Mrs. James B. Holton, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Hoover
Dr. and Mrs. Gary Huber
Mrs. Helene A. Hudnall
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hurley
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hurwitz
Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Irwin
Mr. and Mrs. Barry L. Jones
Hon. and Mrs. Wm. Wayne Justice
Mr. and Mrs. Luther F. Kay, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Walter K. Kerr
Mrs. Jean O. Key
Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Kidd, Jr.
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy, Sr.
Dr. and Mrs. James McDonald
Hon. and Mrs. Connally McKay
Ms. Dorothy L. McLaren
Mr. Thomas M. McLaren
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Meier
Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Montgomery
Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Oge
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Parham
Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. Paschall
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Payne
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Dr. Jerry S. Putman
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Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Roark
Mr. and Mrs. Randall L. Roberts
Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Rooney
Mr. Isadore Roosth
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Roxburgh
Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Rudd
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Rudy
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Rydzak
Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Saleh
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Dr. and Mrs. Jon T. Schreiber
Mr. and Mrs. Tom V. Shadrix
Mr. and Mrs. GW Shopbell
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shtofman
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shultz
Mr. Jack Skeen, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Skipper
Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Smith
Ms. Heather R. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Smith
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Mr. and Mrs. David W. Thomas
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Dr. and Mrs. Jim M. Vaughn
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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker
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Mr. and Mrs. John A. Warner
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Mrs. W.C. Windsor
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Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Witte
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Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Wolf
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Woods
Mr. and Mrs. Trey Yarbrough
Ms. Judy Young
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Young
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Young

TJC President Wins Pacesetter Award

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, Tyler Junior College president, has been named 1991 Pacesetter of the Year by District 4 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Announcement of the award was made last September during NCMPR's district meeting in San Antonio. District 4 includes Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Wyoming. NCMPR, an affiliate council of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC), is an organization of communications professionals from junior and community colleges.

As the District 4 award winner, Dr. Hawkins will be considered for the national Pacesetter of the Year award, which will be presented in the spring at NCMPR's national convention in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Hawkins was on hand to receive the award, which was presented by Stephen John, district director and director of communications for South Plains College.

A past president of the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association and member of the board of directors of AACJC, Hawkins is beginning his 11th year as president of TJC.

During his time at TJC, he has overseen the initiation of Success Oriented Studies, a program that facilitates the academic development of underprepared students; the adoption of a Systems Approach to Instruction, a new concept of learning; the development of the Regional Training and Development Complex, a facility devoted to offering critically-needed training, according to the needs of business and industry; the creation of a Small Business Development Center and an area business incubator; and the evolution of the Campus Development Plan, which calls for the orderly growth of the College through the year 2000.

Because of his plan, the College has grown under his leadership from an enrollment of about 6,000 students to this fall's record enrollment of more than 8,700 students. And not only has the student body increased, the campus has grown, too. The College has added a health and physical education center, a plaza and a new student center. A new administration building is under construction.

He has served as president of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and currently holds board positions for the Texas Chamber of Commerce, East Texas Economic Development Council, Better Business Bureau of Central East Texas, East Texas Fair Association, United Way and many others.

In recognition of his leadership, Dr. Hawkins was recognized in 1989 as one of the top 50 community college CEOs in the United States. In 1988, he was recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Community College Leadership Program of the University of Texas at Austin.

Tyler Junior College President Raymond M. Hawkins visits with Governor Ann Richards during a visit to TJC's Regional Training and Development Complex preceding an economic development "pep rally" held last fall. The event, which included a luncheon, was sponsored by KLTV and Northeast Texas Economic Developers Roundtable.

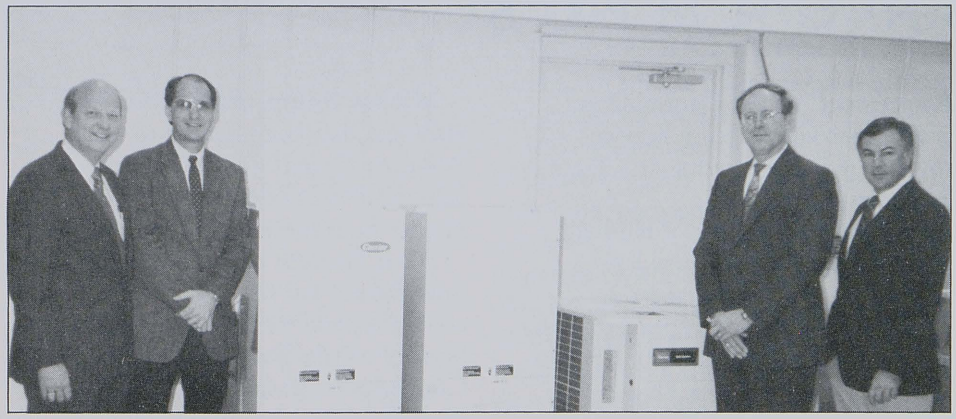
Inadequate Funding Delays New Programs

The startup of four new programs at Tyler Junior College will be delayed until adequate state funding can be received, College officials said.

According to Richard Minter, dean of program development, the programs cannot be started because funding is not available.

Two of the programs are diagnostic medical sonography (ultrasound) and industrial and commercial maintenance, both of which have received approval from the TJC Board of Trustees and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

However, Minter said, the Coordinating Board has said that no new programs could be launched if state funding was not sufficient to cover the costs of startup.



Carrier Corp., a division of United Technologies, recently donated state-of-the-art equipment to the air conditioning and refrigeration program at Tyler Junior College. The equipment represents the latest commercial products manufactured by the Carrier facility in Tyler. The equipment, valued at approximately $10,000, is being used to train students and Carrier personnel at the TJC Regional Training and Development Complex (RTDC). Carrier has used the RTDC extensively for training employees in computer literacy, word processing and Lotus 1-2-3. Pictured are Aubrey Sharpe, TJC director of continuing education, Bruce Cope, David Crandall and E.J. Billedeaux, all of Carrier.

TJC's 1991-92 budget is a reduction of almost $1.5 million over last year's budget.

Minter also described the other two programs affected by budget cuts: medical records technician and critical care nursing. The medical records technician program was an existing program that was revised and approved at the local and state level but local funds are not available. The proposal for critical care nursing is currently in Austin, waiting for approval by the Coordinating Board.

"Unless adequate funding is provided, this program will not be approved for startup," Minter said.

It was predicted the four programs would have drawn about 60-70 new students to the College this year..

"The industrial and commercial maintenance program and the medical records technician program have been identified by regional quality workforce planners as programs designed to provide employees for target occupations, meaning that they are priorities. And, of course, the diagnostic medical sonography and the critical care nursing programs were identified by the local hospitals as being critical needs in the health care field," Minter said.

TJC Adds Baseball, Women's Volleyball

Tyler Junior College Trustees in November approved proposals for intercollegiate baseball and a women's club volleyball team and authorized the administration to negotiate a contract with the Tyler Baseball Commission for the use of Mike Carter Field.

Trustees heard reports from Dr. Billy Doggett, dean of health and kinesiology, recreation and athletics, and C.C. Baker, Jr., vice president of development and college relations.

According to Doggett, interest in the baseball program is a result of community awareness of the Mike Carter Field renovation project. Estimated start-up costs are approximately $25,000, he said, and income from the annual TJC Foundation golf tournament will be used to help fund this initial amount. Class enrollments generated through new students enrolled in the baseball program will offset some of the projected $75,000 annual budget.

Women's volleyball, Doggett said, will require minimal start-up costs.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Vickie Geisel, counselor/director, support services, in July presented "Partners in Change" to the Tyler Women's Commission at Robert E. Lee High School for the Tyler Adolescents Program. Geisel was also profiled in *Tyler Today* magazine.

Sarah Harrison, English instructor, attended the Professional Committee meeting of the North Texas Community and Junior College Consortium on the Trinity Valley Community College campus in Athens, Texas, last May. Harrison also serves as an editor for the association's newsletter, which is published and distributed to all faculty and administrators in the 17 member college districts.

Gerald T. Wilson, dean of science and mathematics, assisted the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with the Technical/ Occupational Program Reviews at Oklahoma State University Technical Branch-Oklahoma City. Wilson assisted two other team members in evaluating 21 programs in the areas of agriculture, business technologies, engineering technology, health technologies and human services.

Mary Adams, English instructor, helped the East Texas Technology Education Association with judging technical writing and speaking competitions last spring.

Rhey Nolan, economics/government instructor, was recently profiled in an issue of *Voter*, a publication of the Tyler League of Women Voters, of which Nolan served as the first male president.

Susie Johnston, reading instructor, was initiated into Phi Delta Kappa, an honors association for professional educators last spring.

Robert Glover, instructor/director, history and geography, presented the keynote speech during the Cherokee County observance of the 300th anniversary of the Old San Antonio Road in Alto, June 8.

Booker T. Harlan, counselor/ director, career development and

placement, participated as a grant reader for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's FY '92 Carl D. Perkins Discretionary Grants in Austin last summer. Harlan also attended the Southwest Placement Association Annual Conference in Austin. Harlan along with **Kristy Swan**, master calendar/information line operator and **Judy Barnes**, reading instructor, attended the 44th annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities in Dallas in June.

Gene Branum, Charles Johnson, Rhey Nolan, Audrey Woods, Cathy Cates, Sharon Cathcart, Mary Chartier, Pat Cryer, Lynette Hobbs, Peter Jones, Frank Kimlicko, Monty Newman, Charline Wallis and **James Wicks** were honored last summer with 1991 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards in Austin.

Educational Support Staff Association members **Maxene Robinson, Beth Fitzgerald, Jenny Sims, Pat Beam, Debbie Brown, Carolyn Jackson, Denny Yarbrough, Ellen Price, Diane Davis** and **Angela Clemons** participated in the annual Summer Work Conference of the Texas Educational Secretaries Association. The conference is designed to promote professional growth for office personnel.

The *Host Committee* for the recent Texas Association of Public Junior College Business Officers Conference in Tyler, included **Ken Dance, Wayne Criswell, Ben Ferrell, Brian Turman, Fran Starnes** and **Angela Clemons.** Other participants from TJC were **Devon Wiggins** and **Becky Wyatt.**

Alan Rasco, associate dean, health sciences, attended the 24th Annual Summer Seminar of Academic Administration at Texas A&M University.

Elizabeth Ely, re-entry specialist, along with **Vickie Geisel**, presented a program, "Computerized Child Care Management," at the Central/East Texas Junior/Community Service Providers regional meeting at Kilgore College in June.

Bill Walker, director of Hudnall Planetarium, was quite busy last summer. He was a radio guest on KTBB and KEBE, guest speaker on the solar eclipse for the Rose City Kiwanis Club, and talked to more than 50 children and adults on "Exploring the Moon" at the Overton Library. He also developed three new children's programs for the Tyler Friends of the Gifted Star-Spangled Summer Program. Walker, along with five other planetarians, was chosen to teach at the Spitz Summer Institute in Chadds Ford, PA. Walker made two presentations: "Dr. Why," a program he developed at TJC for fifth graders, and "Give a Man a Fish," a program based on the principles of interactive education.

Joan Muller, English instructor, is serving as a member of the first School of Education Advisory Board for McMurry University in Abilene.

John Wheat, math instructor, wrote an article, "Predicting Success in College Algebra: Student Attitude and Prior Achievement," that was published in the *College Student Journal*, Vol. 25, No. 2, June, 1991.

Elaine Graybill, French/Spanish instructor, assisted East Texas Medical Center in translating a patient handbook into Spanish as a community service project.

Speech/theatre instructor **Jacque Shackelford** participated in the *How to Win Friends and Influence Judges* program at the 66th Texas Speech Communication Association annual convention in Lubbock, October 3-5. At the convention, speech/theatre instructor **M'Liss Hindman** was named the first *Forensic Educator of the Year* by the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association.

Mickey Slimp, dean of learning resources, has been named to the Advisory Committee on Instructional Telecommunications of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Alan Barnes, counselor/director of orientation, was recently elected to serve a second term as a Development Senator of the Texas Association for Counselors from The Piney Woods Association for Counseling and Development. He was also selected to represent the Senate on the Board of Directors.

Mary Beal, counselor/director, student scholarship advisement, was selected to lead a delegation of five members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to Frankfurt and Berlin, Germany, November 20-23. Members of the largest professional honorary organization in the world, with the primary purpose of advancement of education and women educators, this delegation met many distinguished German diplomats and educators.

Lou Kuck, dental hygiene instructor, recently fulfilled all requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in health studies from Texas Woman's University.

In September, **Linda Zeigler**, instructor/director, journalism and student publications, attended the Freedom of Information State Convention in Austin. Some of the issues included were press coverage of Operation Desert Storm, political correctness on college campuses and Texas Open Meetings and Open Records laws.

Biology instructor **Margaret Ott** co-authored a supplement to Marieb's second edition of *Human Anatomy and Physiology.*

Tennis coach **John Peterson** was named the Texas Tennis Coaches Association *Coach of the Year.* He was honored at the annual TTCA banquet in New Braunfels, December 7.

Class Notes

1932

Bonna Bess (Jones) and **Jim M. Vaughn** of Tyler were recently honored with the first Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award given by the United Way of Tyler/Smith County. The award, the highest given by the United Way, recognizes the Vaughn's continued support of the United Way and their contributions to the community.

1950

Taking a hiatus from his manager/partner position with Swann Estate Rentals of Tyler, **Rowland Baldwin** is presently assigned as an administration worker in Guatemala for the next year by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

1960

Rusk native **Terry Guinn** has been named a corecipient of the Social Worker of the Year for East Texas Award. He is currently employed at Crockett State School.

1965

Steve Conaway, a Tyler builder, is currently building Rosebrook Development in Whitehouse, Texas, a project cited at the National Association of Home Builder's Convention as being a planned model community for the 1990's. Conaway presently serves as president of the Tyler Area Home Builders Association.

1966

After working as an appellate secretary of the 12th Court of Appeals for 22 years, **Carolyn Allen** was sworn in last summer as the new court clerk.

Vietnam veteran **Sammy Atwood** served as grand marshall of the Yesteryear Parade this past summer in Whitehouse, Texas.

Longtime educator and businessman **Henry W. Holland** has taken over as the Dallas Independent School District's new assistant superintendent for business services. Holland has worked in similar positions around the Metroplex for over 10 years.

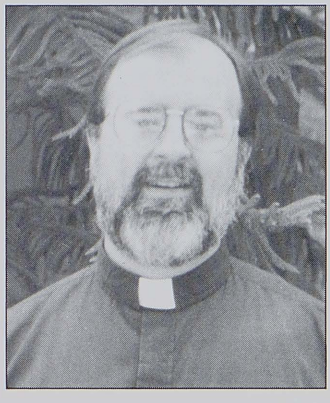
After graduation from TJC, **Wray Kinard** went on to pursue a degree in personnel management at the University of Texas at Austin. Kinard is presently working for the Anchorage, Alaska Police Department as the director of personnel.

Command of the Navy Recruiting Station in the San Antonio area was recently turned over to **Cmdr. Richard McManus** of Tyler. He is the son of former dean of learning resources at TJC, **Evelyn McManus.** Since his commission in 1969, Cmdr. McManus has received the Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star) and the Navy Commendation Medal.

1968

Ronnie Horton has been promoted to vice president-western division by the Brookshire Grocery Company Board of Directors.

1969



After working a number of years at Texas A&M University as a research botanist, Rev. **John G. Williams** entered the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1987 and received a master of divinity degree in 1990. He was ordained as a priest in January of 1991, and is currently serving as the Vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church in Silsbee, Texas.

1972

Earnest Turney recently assumed the duties of pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Gilmer, Texas.

1973

The Board of Directors of Brookshire Grocery Company recently announced **Rick Rayford's** promotion to vice president-distribution. He has been with the company for over 21 years.

Dan N. Wilhite, a senior vice president for the Smith Barney investment firm, was recently named resident manager for the company's downtown Dallas office. Wilhite, who has been in the financial services industry for about 14 years, is a graduate of Baylor University.

1974

After practicing in Adak, Alaska, **James G. Sharp, M.D.**, has joined the senior medical staff in the Department of Family Medicine, Scott and White Clinic in Hewitt, Texas. Dr. Sharp has also been recommended for appointment to the Texas A&M University College of Medicine faculty.

1975

After serving as principal of Crockett High School for two years, **Eddie Milham** was unanimously elected by the Tyler Independent School District Board of Trustees as principal of Robert E. Lee High School. According to the trustees, his work at Crockett to improve statewide test scores and tighten discipline made him uniquely qualified for the position.

1976

Nancy Swinney Hillin, who has recently married, is now working at Consolidated Tax Service in Henderson.

1978

Amye Rosanna Lynn of Tyler was recently named to the *Outstanding Young Women of America* and will be included in the 1991 edition of this organization. Lynn is a state parole officer for the Pardons and Paroles Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Carol Lott recently joined the Tyler PaineWebber office as an investment executive. She was chosen by Financial

Women International to receive the Texas State Scholarship and selected for Leadership Texas.

1980

Donald Andrew Carney married Cathleen Diane Henry July 27 in Tyler. After attending TJC, Donald attended the University of Texas at Tyler and the University of Texas at Austin. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is a senior at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Tyler native **Gary G. Henson** recently married. A graduate of UT Tyler, Henson manages the Coffee Landing Restaurant.

Ellen Dyann Kemp and **James Franklin Bean**, UT Tyler alumni, were recently married. She is a teacher/coach at Moore Middle School in Tyler and he is employed at Brookshire's Warehouse.

1981

Though once an active rodeo rider, **Andrea Hoppie** is now part of a musical trio known as "Texas Lace" that performs throughout the Southwest. She plays drums, which she has studied for 15 years, and sings with the popular female group.

Michael Lollar was recently promoted to vice president of sales for Lollar & Lollar Concrete Pipe Inc., of Tyler.

1982

Upholding law and order is only one of many hats that **William Ashton** wears. Along with his job as an officer with the Galveston Police Department, he attends Galveston College. Ashton also created the "Gateway to Freedom" poster and T-shirt logo for this past summer's "Juneteenth" celebration in Galveston.

Steve Robertson was recently promoted to vice president and manager of the Kaufman branch of American National Bank. He currently serves on the board of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc., and has served as chairman of the Greater Terrell United Way, Inc.

1984

Jeff Pirtle graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy in 1990 and is currently serving as a highway patrol trooper in Harris County.

1985

Eric Phillips Christopherson recently earned a master of arts degree with a major in public policy studies at Duke University.

In addition to his existing law practice in Hawkins, Texas, **Kenneth Combs** recently opened a general practice law office in Edgewood, Texas. Combs is a 1990 graduate of the Brigham Young University Law School.

Brookshire Grocery Company has promoted **Rodney Reece** to district perishable merchandiser.

1987

Ron Kellum has been promoted to contracting administrator at Windsor Federal Savings Association at their downtown location in Austin.

Paul Norman Latta earned his degree in dental surgery at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. He received a certificate of honor for graduating fourth in a class of 79 and was also recipient of the Outstanding Senior Award given by the Texas Dental Association. He practices in Tyler.

William A. "Andy" Smith, Jr. has been working as the development assistant for Bat Conservation International, Inc., based in Austin. Smith began working for BCI in December of 1990, raising money to preserve and protect the many species of bats locally and globally. He recently attended a private dinner given by Governor Ann Richards at the Texas Governor's Mansion on behalf of BCI.

Matthew A. Vierkant recently received a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center Medical School at San Antonio. Before returning to practice in East Texas, he will pursue a three year residency in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Christie Leigh Zalmanek wed Russell Ray Robinson, June 15. Christie attended Texas Tech University and is presently employed by Southwest Airlines. The couple lives in Sugarland, Texas.

1988

K. Craig Florence has graduated from East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, receiving a bachelor of music degree in sacred music. While attending ETBU, Craig held the position of music minister at Ore City Baptist Church and later the same job at Gloster Baptist Church. He is currently a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and plans to enter the ministry.

Now studying at the University of Texas at Tyler, **Rhonda J. Reuter** is a senior student majoring in accounting and is president of the Accounting Society.

Linda Kay Tilley was appointed constable of Smith County (Texas) Precinct 1 on July 8, 1990. After studying law enforcement at TJC, she became a certified peace officer.

1989

Former TJC forward and basketball standout **David Benoit** signed for one year with the Utah Jazz. He has played in the Los Angeles Lakers' California Summer League, and was named Rookie of the Year for his performance in the Spanish League. However, Benoit turned heads in the pro ranks with his play in the Utah Summer League, leading in scoring, rebounds and field goal percentage.

Teresa Ann Buckley and Christopher Neal Green wed last summer. She is employed by Whitehouse Independent School District and attends UT Tyler.

Shelly Renee Hulsey and **Geoffrey Scott Roark** were married August 30. She is a graduate of Baylor and is presently employed as a staff writer for the *Tyler Morning-Telegraph*. He attends UT Tyler.

Former Apache basketball star **Robert Pack** is now a Portland Trailblazer after recently making the final cut.

Former presidential scholar **Lisa Ann Peek** recently married Sean Patrick Fry of Austin. After leaving TJC, she graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and is currently working with Executive Association Management, Inc. The couple resides in Austin.

William David Rice wed Celina Rene Bertrand of Beaumont last August. Rice, who attends East Texas Baptist University, is employed by Brookshire Grocery and is youth minister at First Baptist Church in Avinger.

1990

Fenton Mark Conner is working towards a degree in hotel restaurant management at the University of North Texas in Denton. For the 1991-92 school year he is a recipient of the Ben E. Keith Scholarship. Conner, who is a resident assistant in Kerr Hall, has worked on the Super Collider project for the past two summers.

For a summer marketing internship, **Scott McClure** worked for Dow Chemicals on a project called JAM (Jewelbox Advocates and Manufacturers), whose purpose was to promote the current plastic casing as the preferred container for compact discs, as opposed to the proposed cardboard casing.

After graduating from Sam Houston State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree last May, **Ken Ragsdale** became an account executive with KKYR FM in Texarkana.

Tres Smith has been promoted to store co-manager of Baskin's in Tyler.

Former presidential scholar **Rock West** currently attends Texas Christian University, where he is a senior.

1991

Stephanie J. Barber of Tyler last spring married Stephen P. Bright of Quitman, Texas. They reside in Quitman.

Julie Berkhouse, former TJC Apache Belle head dance captain and presidential scholar, was chosen to be a member of the Texas Pom dance squad at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is continuing her education.

Vanessa Daniels, a music education major, attends Sam Houston State University on a transfer scholarship.

Tiffany Triplett successfully competed in East Texas State University's cheerleader competition and was selected from among 35 competitors.

Lana Paulette Wells wed Lt. Keith Andrew Barshinger of Pfungstadt, Germany, May 23 in Germany. The couple resides in Hanau, Germany.

Sarah McClendon '28 Receives National Award

Newswoman Sarah McClendon, who has covered the White House since the Roosevelt Administration, was honored with the third annual American Woman Award, presented to her by the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) at a gala award dinner last September at The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC.

The award, which is presented annually by WREI, was created to honor individuals with distinguished achievements in promoting equity for women. The annual event is made possible by generous support from the American Express Company.

Deaths

1926

Retired banker **Curtis E. Francis** died October 20 at the age of 82. After attending TJC, Curtis attended the University of Texas at Austin. He later became one of the original organizers of Everman National Bank.

1928

Velma C. Godfrey of Tyler died October 29 at the age of 83. A member of the first graduating class at TJC, she was a charter member of the National Honor Society and taught sewing at Singer Sewing Machine Company. She was active in Little Theatre, PTA and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where she taught for over 30 years.

1949

Joe E. Allen of Tyler died November 5 at the age of 73. After attending TJC, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. He later worked at the Department of Transportation in Washington and served as a Navy chief petty officer in World War II.

1959

Carl Eugene Welch died July 14 at age 52. Welch, of Cooper Canyon, Texas was buried at Harmony Cemetery in Winnsboro, Texas.

1970

Vietnam veteran **Glen L. Eichler** of Tyler died of a lengthy illness at the age of 51. After serving in the armed forces, he was an insurance agent and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was also an honorary admiral in the Texas Navy.

Michael J. Head died May 17 at the age of 41. A resident of Irving, Texas, he was self-employed as a painter and drywall contractor.

1977

Willie B. Edwards of Longview, age 59, died June 27 at Good Shepherd Hospital. She received her associate of applied science degree in recreational leadership from TJC and was employed as a case manager with the Mental Health Division of Sabine Valley Center.

1981

Phillip C. Morris, Sr., Tyler, died recently at the age of 49. After graduation from TJC, he attended LeTourneau University and worked as a computer technician with Texas Utilities. He was a member of the Chapel Hill Board of Trustees for more than five years.

BACK PAGE

by Pat Logan

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE: WHO MAKES THE CALLS?

(This is the second in a series. When asked once more how many articles the series would contain, the writer winked and said, "Bigger than a bread box.")

In last issue's Back Page we discussed how changeable the English language is in meaning, pronunciation and even spelling. I made the point that I personally prefer to be a descriptive grammarian rather than a prescriptive one. I would have liked to tell my students that the rules of grammar are not sacrosanct nor set in concrete. But the few times I tried that, they reacted with astonishment and disbelief and never took another thing I said seriously.

Let's examine the application of a rule of grammar and its ensuing consequences. Decades ago grammarians set out to squelch what seems a natural construction, "It's me." The rule is that the nominative case—he, she, I—must follow forms of the verb "to be," such as "is," "are," "was," etc.

So "It's me" was scorned and "It is I" was elevated to creedal status. Generations of school children had this rule hammered into them, and it was put right up there on the high level of eating one's spinach and flushing the commode.

(The nominative case rule is an attempt to apply the principles of Latin to English. Now, I loved Latin when I took it in high school and still do. But Latin and English are two different kettles of fish, and Latin rules don't fit.)

Present day grammar books are not nearly as insistent on "It is I." But, because "I" had been so praised, the pronoun was appropriated in another use where it is incorrect. Masses of people are now saying, "He found Tom and I" and "He gave it to Mother and I." As the object of the verb in the first example and the object of the preposition in the second, the construction should be the objective case "me."

And who is making this "mistake?" All kinds of educated folk. Not just ole Joe Blow, but nearly everybody. Television commentators, congresspersons, leaders of society and fashion, ministers, doctors and, yes, some English teachers.

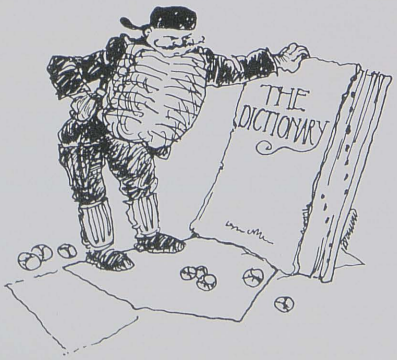
In this case—if you'll pardon the pun—the rule should be changed. When the majority of educated persons adopt a usage, it should become standard.

I regret that the double negative is not permissible in standard English. "We don't have no bananas" leaves very little doubt as to the facts of the matter. Besides, it has a nice rhythm, doesn't it?

Double negatives were not outlawed until the sixteenth century when the logicians took over the language, and decided that, since a double negative in mathematics makes a positive, such a law should apply to grammar. "We don't have no bananas" accordingly would translate into, "Yes, we have bananas." I'm glad those rule-makers of the sixteenth century can't hear me say this: THAT IS STUPID!

Most of us regard The Dictionary as absolute and final. We rush to it in any sort of language dispute, confident that this book will supply us with—pardon another pun—the last word. But actually The Dictionary does not exist. Lexicographers differ, and we have several dictionaries, no two alike.

Allen Walker Reed is a much respected linguist and professor, and a colorful personality to boot. I hesitate to describe Reed with this next term because it has such pejorative under-



tones these days, but, if you'll just lean over here so I can whisper—he is a liberal.

Reed compares lexicographers and grammarians to three umpires talking about how they arrive at decisions.

The first one says, "Some's balls and some's strikes and I calls 'em as they is." The second umpire says, "Some's balls and some's strikes and I calls 'em as I sees 'em." And the third says, "Some's balls and some's strikes but they ain't nothing till I calls 'em."

The first umpire has a dogmatic and rigid attitude. The second realizes that his own subjective responses are involved. The third has a more extreme position; he is claiming that he himself imposes a pattern on the world of change and flux.

Reed is not as conservative as the first but neither is he way out in left field—one more pun to be pardoned—like the third.

This third umpire raises questions which Reed admits he has never in 60 years answered. "Does the dictionary maker have more power than he knows? Does he in a way create the language? Should he? Who is the expert anyway, the pitcher (the native speakers of the language) or the umpire (the linguists and lexicographers)?"

Ah, there's the question, "Who is the expert anyway?"

When I tell Joe Blow he mustn't use the double negative, he is probably convinced that I know best. So he corrects his theme or his speech.

But this afternoon when he pumps gas on the job in a local service station, and tonight when he talks on the phone to his girlfriend, and tomorrow when he cheers for his favorite football team, Joe will blurt out, "We don't have no bananas."

Then I'll flinch. Not just because Joe has made a grammatical error, but because I'm not at all sure who the expert is. ♦

We dare not look back to great yesterdays. We must look forward to great tomorrows.
Adlai Stevenson

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